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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMPARATIVE DATA ON U.S. COMPETITIVENESS IN NONFUEL MINERALS

1. AS SEVERAL ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE ALREADY AWARE, AN INTER-AGENCY NONFUEL MINERALS POLICY REVIEW HAS BEEN ORDERED BY THE PRESIDENT, TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO PHASES (PROBLEM ANALYSIS, FOLLOWED BY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS) AN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOMESTIC POLICY REVIEW PROCEDURES. IN THE FIRST PHASE, NOW UNDER WAY, THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT HAS "LEAD" RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING A STUDY OF THE ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS OF THE U.S. NONFUEL MINING AND MINERALS PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN COMPARISON WITH THAT OF OTHER FOREIGN NATIONS. FOR THIS PURPOSE INTERIOR SEEKS COMPARATIVE DATA ON COSTS OF CAPITAL, LABOR, ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL INPUTS AFFECTING MAJOR MINERAL INDUSTRIES IN ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES.

2. DETAILED COST DATA OR ESTIMATES WILL CONSTITUTE A CRITICAL PART OF THE COMPETITIVENESS STUDY. WITH REGARD TO LABOR, FOR EXAMPLE, DATA IS REQUESTED SHOWING (A) HOURS WORKED ANNUALLY PER EMPLOYEE, (B) PRODUCTIVITY, PREFERABLY MEASURED AS OUTPUT PER WORKER-HOUR, (C) AVERAGE WAGE RATE BY WORKER CATEGORY (UNDERGROUND MINING, SURFACE UNCLASSIFIED

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MINING, MILL AND SMELTER), AND (D) FRINGE BENEFITS. IF SUCH DATA ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE FROM OFFICIAL, PUBLISHED OR OTHER AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES, RECENT ESTIMATES BY CONSULTANTS OR OTHER INDUSTRY CONTACTS ARE REQUESTED. IN ADDITION, POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF HOST GOVERNMENT POLICIES AFFECTING PRODUCTION COSTS INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, ANTITRUST, TAXATION AND SUBSIDIES DESIGNED TO FOSTER MINERALS EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS.

3. IN ADVANCING THESE REQUESTS IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT POST COMPLIANCE IS SUBJECT TO CONSTRAINTS OF TIME AND STAFF RESOURCES AND THAT AVAILABLE DATA MAY BE INSUFFICIENT FOR THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF CERTAIN PROBLEMS AND ISSUES. IT IS ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT THESE REQUESTS MAY ENTAIL SOME DUPLICATION OF PREVIOUS REPORTING OR AVAILABLE PUBLISHED MATERIAL. IN SUCH CASES REPLIES MAY INCLUDE SPECIFIC REFERENCES OR CITATION OF SUBJECT MATERIAL.

4. REPLIES SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT BY SEPTEMBER 22.

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